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SUBJECT: STRUCTURAL REFORM OF ILO GOVERNING BODY

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1. ACTING LABOR ATTACHE MET THIS MORNING (JANUARY 24) WITH
MFA'S ACTION OFFICER ON ILO MATTERS, KLAS STENSTROM, TO
DISCUSS US OBJECTIONS TO EC-9 PROPOSAL AND PRESENT DETAILS
OF US ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL.

2. GOS, THOUGH NEITHER IN EC-9 NOR IN GOVERNING GROUP OF
ILO, HAS MADE ITS VOICE HEARD ON STRUCTURAL REFORM

ISSUE BY VIRTUE OF ITS NORDIC CONNECTIONS. EC-9 PROPOSAL, THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO STENSTROM, IS REFLECTIVE OF SWEDISH CONCERNS.

3. SUBSTANTIVELY, SWEDES ARE SYMPATHETIC TO G-77 WISH FOR BETTER REPRESENTATION IN ILO. PATTERN OF EXPENDED G-77 MEMBERSHIP HAS ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED IN OTHER UN ORGANS. EC-9 PROPOSAL DOES BETTER JOB OF MEETING THESE G-77 REQUIREMENTS THAN DOES US PROPOSAL, ACCORDING TO STENSTROM. WHILE RECOGNIZING VALIDITY OF US OBJECTIONS, SWEDISH PREFERENCE IS TO ACQUIESCE IN G-77 DEMANDS FOR ENLARGED ILO GOVERNING GROUP WHILE STRIVING FOR G-77 CONCESSIONS ON ARTICLE 17 MATTERS.

4. COMMENT: MFA WILL CORRDATE WITH MINISTRY OF LABOR BEFORE SOUNDING OUT VIEWS OF ITS GENEVA DELEGATION. MFA IS FRANKLY SKEPTICAL THAT ANY WORKING GROUP COULD RESOLVE BASIC POINTS OF CONTENTION BY FEBRUARY 6. MOREOVER, SWEDES ARE SENSITIVE TO DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN HAMMERING OUT EC-9 CONSENSUS IN THIS MATTER. IT WOULD NOT WANT TO DRIVE A WEDGE INTO THIS EC CONSENSUS AND IS SKEPTICAL OF CHANCES OF SUCCESS EVEN IF IT WERE TO TRY. CONSEQUENTLY, ANY HOPE IN TURNING GOS AROUND ON WORKING GROUP ISSUE WILL HINGE ON WILLINGNESS OF EC-9 COUNTRIES TO AGREE.

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